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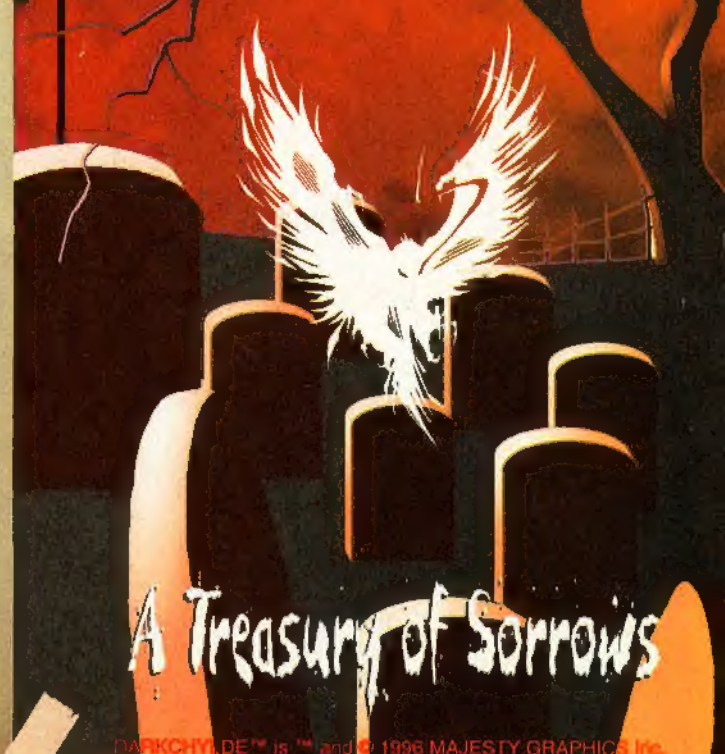
FOR my friends, Brian, Steve, Drew, Matt, Dan, and Rob. Thank you for believing.

"If the demons of our dreams were to us not bound. What a nightmare then, our world to be found.."



A Treasury of Sorrows

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A PLACE WHERE ALL THINGS FOUL REJOICE...

...WHERE THE INNOCENT ARE CRUCIFIED, AND THE WICKED TRUMPET A CHORUS OF *DOOM.*

HELL'S DISTANT COUSIN, THE *NIGHTMARE REALM*. A PLACE WHERE SPIDERS GO TO DIE...

...I SAVED A SPIDER ONCE WHEN I WAS FIVE.

MY FATHER WAS GOING TO KILL IT, BUT I STOPPED HIM. WHEN HE ASKED ME WHY I SMILED AND SAID, "MAYBE ONE DAY A BIG GIANT WILL RESCUE ME FROM GETTING SQUASHED."

IF FATE WOULD ONLY RETURN SUCH FAVORS IN KIND...

IF ONLY I HAD SOME KIND OF KARMA REDEMPTION TICKET...

IF ONLY SOME GIANT *WOULD* RESCUE ME...

...*NOW* WOULD MOST DEFINITELY BE THE TIME.

RIGHT ON CUE...

...COULDN'T HAVE GONE DOWN BETTER IF IT HAD BEEN REHEARSED.

THEY LOOK NEARLY AS SURPRISED AS I AM.

NOOOOOOO! FANG! BETRAYER! JUDAS! DAMN YOU FOR SNATCHING OUR PRIZE WHEN VICTORY WAS AT HAND!

DAMN YOU, FANG! DAMN YOU!

SHE'S GETTING AWAY!

FWOOSH

IT IS I WHO AM DAMNED. CARRIED OFF INTO THE TWILIGHT BY THIS ANCIENT BEAST OF LEGEND.

SAVED FROM THE SQUABBLING HORDE OF MONSTROSITIES VANISHING IN THE MISTS FAR BELOW.

SAVED BY THE ONE CREATURE THEY SEEM TO FEAR THE MOST...

...BUT WHY?

STINKY DAME! TEAR HER UP! EAT HER!! SUCK HER BONES, I WOULD!

YOU SAID SHE WOULD BE OURS, ALL RIGHT?!? SAID SALVATION WAS SO CLOSE YOU COULD SMELL IT, ALL RIGHT?

OUR SALVATION JUST TOOK FLIGHT FROM US WITH OUR ANCIENT ENEMY, ALL RIGHT? GOTTEN AWAY, QUICK AS THAT, ALL RIGHT?

YOU'VE GOT ABOUT TWO SECONDS TO STOP YOUR INANE BABBLING BEFORE I SNAP YOUR NECK, ALL RIGHT??!?

SHE WAS GOOD SWEET. I COULD TASTE HER PSYCHE, ALL RIGHT?
GOT AWAY QUICK AS THAT, ALL RIGHT? SPARROW'S OUT OF REACH. GONE. GONE.
SHE HASN'T GOTTEN AWAY.
FANG HAS ONLY PROLONGED THE INEVITABLE. WE'VE GOTTEN CLOSER THAN EVER AND SHE KNOWS IT.
SHE KNOWS IT AND SHE'S SCARED.
NOTHING'S CHANGED. A NEW FRONTIER AWAITS US, MY BROTHERS. AND IF YOU DARE TO FOLLOW...
...MS. ARIEL CHYLDE WILL SHOW US THE WAY....

JOIN US AS THE ODYSSEY CONTINUES IN JUNE, WITH DARKCHYLDE #1!

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